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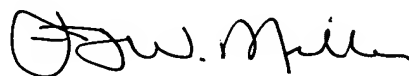
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the art listed on the attached form PTO-1449 includes, in the opinion of the undersigned, the closest art of which he is aware.

A copy of the listed reference is provided herewith. Since this Disclosure Statement is filed concurrently with the filing of the above-identified patent application, no filing fee is required.

The cited reference teaches a decompaction apparatus in which large blades are sliced into the turf with minimal disturbance to the surface.

Respectfully submitted,

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